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DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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Entrepreneurship

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/188 of 21 December 1990 and taking note of section IV of the report of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation on operational activities for development, 1/

Taking note of decision 91/11 of 25 June 1991 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 2/ in which the Council requested the Administrator to report to it on the involvement and comparative advantages of the Programme in the area of the private sector,

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1/ A/46/206.

2/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 13 (E/1991/34), annex I.

Acknowledging that the promotion of entrepreneurship and the encouragement of the private sector are essential to the promotion of a country's economic development, and acknowledging further the importance of an efficient public sector in creating and maintaining a conducive framework for development,

Acknowledging also the importance of effective, efficient and accountable governance in all countries for setting and implementing national goals in the economic and social spheres,

Recognizing the important role that technical assistance can play in assisting Governments to develop and revitalize their economies through free enterprise, competitive markets and entrepreneurship, in accordance with their policy objectives,

Aware of the central funding role of the United Nations Development Programme and the integrated approach it adopts in programming assistance to Governments in response to their national development priorities,

Considering the need for improved collaboration among relevant United Nations organs, organizations and bodies in order to make the best use of resources in promoting entrepreneurship, particularly at the country level,

1. Welcomes the activities being undertaken by various organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to promote entrepreneurship in economic development, and expresses its appreciation to the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation for the useful information on those activities, as contained in his annual report on operational activities of the United Nations system; 3/

2. Takes note with appreciation of the establishment by the United Nations Development Programme of a new Division for the Private Sector;

3. Requests the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to strengthen their activities for promoting entrepreneurship, including the provision of technical assistance within existing resources to interested countries;

4. Takes note with appreciation that the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme has already allocated some resources, including Special Programme Resources, for promoting the private sector and entrepreneurship during the fifth programming cycle;

5. Requests also the organs, organizations, and bodies of the United Nations system, as appropriate, to strengthen their communication and coordination in order to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of their

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3/ A/46/206/Add.2.

activities related to the promotion of entrepreneurship and the development of the private sector in interested countries, and in particular requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation to give due attention and focus to the coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in promoting entrepreneurship, in the context of its human resource development efforts, through existing bodies, in particular through the Division for the Private Sector of the United Nations Development Programme;

6. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation to continue to include, on a biennial basis, in his annual report on operational activities for development, pertinent information on the activities being undertaken by the United Nations system to promote entrepreneurship in economic development, notably in small- and medium-sized enterprises;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, on the basis of consultations with Member States and appropriate international organizations, recommendations for action for the United Nations system on the ways and means for the system to strengthen its private sector dimensions, as well as to enhance system-wide coordination in that field in order to contribute to the encouragement of entrepreneurship and the development of the private sector, in particular in developing countries and countries in transition;

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to intensify research activities on the role of entrepreneurship, notably in small- and medium-sized enterprises, in promoting economic growth and to include, on an annual basis, pertinent findings in the World Economic Survey.

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Ghana*: draft resolution

Report of the South Commission

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/195 of 21 December 1991,

Recognizing the relevance of the report entitled The Challenge to the South: The Report of the South Commission 1/ in addressing the challenges of the South in the 1990s, especially the North-South dialogue, trade, finance, technology, regional cooperation and integration among developing countries,

Taking note of the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the informal exchange of views held in the Council on the report of the South Commission, 2/

1. Urges Member States, international organizations and other relevant institutions to study and act upon the report of the South Commission within their spheres of competence;

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

1/ New York, Oxford University Press, 1990. For an overview and summary of the report, see A/45/810 and Corr.1, annex.

2/ A/46/448.

2. Requests the United Nations Development Programme to provide the necessary financial resources for the wide distribution of the report of the South Commission, particularly in developing countries, in order to enhance economic and technical cooperation among them;

3. Urges the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the regional commissions and other developmental bodies of the United Nations to support developing countries in the context of implementing the relevant recommendations of the report of the South Commission, with special emhasis on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

4. Requests the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme and the regional commissions, within their respective shares of competence, to assign monitoring and follow-up duties to appropriate units for the implementation of the relevant recommendations of the South Commission;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to coordinate and report on, on a biennial basis, the implementation of the report of the South Commission, with special emphasis on economic and technical cooperation among developing countries.

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REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Ghana*: draft resolution

Least developed country status and special assistance for Namibia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/198 of 21 December 1990 on the inclusion of Namibia in the list of least developed countries, by which it decided to give Namibia special consideration in support of its economic and social development,

Taking note of Security Council resolution 643 (1989) of 31 October 1989, by which the Council urgently appealed to Member States, United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to extend, in coordination with the Secretary-General, generous financial, material and technical support to the Namibian people, both during the transitional period and after independence,

Taking into account the recommendation of the Committee for Development Planning that the international community adopt special measures in favour of Namibia for a period of years in order to assist it in mobilizing its considerable economic potential as a newly independent nation, 1/

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1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 11 (E/1991/32), para. 263.

Welcoming decision 91/14 of 25 June 1991, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, in which the Governing Council decided to extend special assistance to Namibia during the fifth programming cycle equivalent to that given to a least developed country, 2/

Further welcoming Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/50 of 26 July 1991, on special assistance to Namibia,

Considering the urgent need of Namibia for assistance in its efforts to reconstruct and strengthen its fledgling economic and social structures,

1. Endorses Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/50, in which, inter alia, the Council invited States, organizations of the United Nations system and other donor agencies to grant Namibia, for a number of years, assistance of a scope comparable to that given to a least developed country, in order to take into account the conditions that exist in Namibia and to assist it, as a newly independent country, to mobilize its economic potential;

2. Decides to extend special assistance to Namibia equivalent to that given to a least developed country;

3. Urgently appeals to all States, organizations of the United Nations system and international economic and financial institutions to respond generously to the needs of Namibia and to provide assistance on a bilateral and multilateral basis.

2/ Ibid., Supplement No. 13 (E/1991/34).